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Sir:

Submitted herewith for independent review by the Examiner is a copy of the documents listed on the attached listing form. Documents AB-AH and AR are discussed in the Background of the Invention of the subject patent application, and that discussion is hereby incorporated by reference.

Especially discussed in detail therein and in addition at page 10, lines 11-19 (also hereby incorporated by reference), of the description, are the grips of documents AD and AR. Furthermore, the grip of document AD is illustrated in Figs. 12A, 12B, 12C and 13, and described at page 6, lines 10-18 and at page 14, lines 9-11. The grip of document AR includes a thumb wrap-preventing guard that is relatively less elevated in a y-direction relative to a throughbore that defines an x-axis, as it extends from a proximal body end to a distal body end, and that is generally perpendicular at the distal body end to the x-axis.

U.S. Patent No. 6,254,293 to Citrenbaum, cited by the Examiner in the Notice of References Cited, is discussed in the Background of the Invention and at page 10, lines 11-19, and that discussion is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Document AA (also cited by the Examiner in the Notice of References Cited) describes a finger rest for penholders that includes a bore that defines an x-axis, and a rim d that extends

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in a z-direction from a border of a rib c. The rib border is elevated in a y-direction relative to the x-axis.

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